

reaching the pinnacle of his career serving as chairman of the board.

Throughout his tenure, Tasso has upheld an unflinching devotion to the friendship between the sister States of Espirito Santo and West Virginia. From the shores and peaks of Espirito Santo to the mountains, valleys, and rivers of the Mountain State, our friendship grew out of a common bond of respect to strengthening the relationship between our sister States. I cannot thank Tasso enough for cultivating that respect through a lifetime of unwavering service and dedication.

West Virginians will continue to advance in many endeavors based on the new relationships and contacts that Tasso has formed, and our State will continue to benefit from his promotion of cultural, economic, and educational development between North and South America.

I join my fellow West Virginians in sending our warmest regards to Tasso and his family for a happy and healthy retirement. We are deeply grateful for his loving and carefree spirit that he has dedicated to a lifetime of public service.●

#### TRIBUTE TO EDITH MESSINA

● Mrs. McCASKILL. Madam President, today I congratulate Judge Edith Messina on her retirement from the 16th Circuit Judicial Court of Jackson County and to thank her for her many years of leadership and service. For over 30 years, Judge Messina demonstrated exceptional litigation skills, judicial integrity, and professionalism while serving the State of Missouri. I am pleased to recognize her outstanding career today.

Judge Messina, a native of Kansas City, MO, received her bachelor's degree in English Literature and her master of science in counseling psychology from Avila University. Upon graduation, Judge Messina served in the Peace Corps in northern Nigeria where she taught and worked to advance community development. She returned to Kansas City and obtained her juris doctor degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1974.

Prior to her appointment by Governor Bond in 1984, Judge Messina worked in private practice and as an assistant public defender. She became the first female circuit judge in Jackson County, and in January 1998 the first woman to serve as the 16th Circuit Court's presiding judge. As an administrative judge for the Criminal Court and Family Court, she played an instrumental role in establishing the Family Court Division, which remains in place today.

In 2008, Judge Messina was honored by the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, KCMB, with the "Dean of the Trial Bar" award for her long-standing commitment to law, legal knowledge and professionalism. She is well-known and admired for guiding and helping young lawyers develop

their skills and pursue their passions which has made a positive impact in the legal community. Beyond the courtroom, Judge Messina is an adjunct instructor for Avila University's MBA program.

Judge Messina's dedication to Missouri's judiciary for over 30 years has helped improve the way our courts function today. Judge Messina is a much-loved member of the Kansas City community and has left a lasting legacy of public service.

I ask that the Senate join me in congratulating and honoring Judge Edith Messina.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:30 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2678. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10360 Southwest 186th Street in Miami, Florida, as the "Larcenia J. Bullard Post Office Building".

H.R. 4751. An act to make technical corrections to Public Law 110-229 to reflect the renaming of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2678. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10360 Southwest 186th Street in Miami, Florida, as the "Larcenia J. Bullard Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 5078. An act to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on September 10, 2014, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 231. An act to reauthorize the Multi-national Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6890. A communication from the Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Ad-

ministration's 2014 Annual Report of the Supplemental Security Income Program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6891. A communication from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Review of Medicare Contractor Information Security Program Evaluations for Fiscal Year 2012"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6892. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Administration, Cost, and Impact of the Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Program for Medicare Beneficiaries for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6893. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulations and Reports Clearance, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of the Expiration Date for State Disability Examiner Authority to Make Fully Favorable Quick Disability Determinations and Compassionate Allowances" (RIN0960-AH69) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6894. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Regarding Dispositions of Tangible Depreciable Property" ((RIN1545-BL52) (TD 9689)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6895. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Automatic Change in Method of Accounting under the Retail Inventory Method" (Rev. Proc. 2014-48) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6896. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Health Insurance Providers Fee" (Notice 2014-47) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6897. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Retail Inventory Method" ((RIN1545-BJ64) (TD 9688)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 20, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6898. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Debt That Is a Position in Personal Property That Is Part of a Straddle" ((RIN1545-BL24) (TD 9691)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 28, 2014; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-6899. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates—September 2014" (Rev. Rul. 2014-22) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate